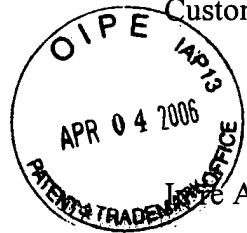


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant dated March 6, 2006, to which a response is due without an extension by April 6, 2006. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

The **Appendix** is attached after page 11 of this paper and includes a Replacement and Annotated Sheet of FIG. 4.